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1. EMBOFFS CONLIN, KINSOLVING, ASCHER AND MCCAMMAN MET
WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FCO, HOME OFFICE AND THE
METROPOLITAN POLICE AND DISCUSSED THE SECURITY ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR THE UPCOMING CONFERENCE.

2. THE BRITISH WERE QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROBLEM
OF ACCESS CONTROLS AT THE CHURCHILL HOTEL AND THE
METROPOLITANIN POLICE HAS BEEN TASKED WITH THE RESPONSI-
BILITY OF CONTROLLING ACCESS TO THE HOTEL INCLUDING
THE FLOORS WHERE THE THREE DELEGATIONS WILL BE LOCATED.
TO EFFECT THESE CONTROLS ALL DELEGATES AND EMBASSY STAFF
WILL BE ISSUED PASSES, WHICH WILL BE COLOR CODED TO IN-
DICATE THEIR DELEGATION; A SPECIAL BRANCH LIAISON OFFI-
CER WILL BE PHYSICALLY LOCATED ON EACH FLOOR ADJACENT
TO THE DELEGATION OFFICES; AND SUPT RAY WILSON AND RAY
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TECKER HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE BRITISH SECURITY CON-
TROLLERS AT THE CONFERENCE SITE. SPECIAL BRANCH WILL
MAINTAIN A 24-HOUR OPERATIONS CENTER AT SCOTLAND YARD
FROM 0700 MONDAY, JULY 17, UNTIL THE CONFERENCE
CONCLUDES.

3. THE POLICE ADVISED THAT THEY DO NOT PLAN TO FORMALLY

ACCREDIT JOURNALISTS OR TO ISSUE ANY PRESS BADGES.
BRITISH STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL PRESS BRIEFINGS AND
PRESS ROOMS BE LOCATED AT EMBASSIES.

4. BRITISH WERE ADVISED THAT RSO HICKEY WOULD BE THE
OVERALL SECURITY CONTROLLER FOR THE CONFERENCE.

5. THE CHURCHILL HOTEL SECURITY STAFF WILL SCREEN THE
BAGGAGE OF ALL HOTEL GUESTS DURING THE CONFERENCE PER
DIRECTION OF SPECIAL BRANCH.

6. RSO MCCAMMAN REVIEWED THE ROOMS OF THE US DELEGATION
WHICH WILL BE USED FOR CLASSIFIED STORAGE AND ASCER-
TAINED THAT TWO 24-HOUR MSG POSTS WILL BE REQUIRED.
RSO AND NCOIC WILL TRANSPORT CLASSIFIED MATERIAL TO AND
FROM AIRPORT AND TO HOTEL BY MEANS OF EMBASSY VAN AND
FOLLOW CAR.

7. RSO HICKEY MET WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF METROPOLITAN
POLICE ON 7/11 AND 7/12 CONCERNING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THE CONFERENCE. SPECIAL BRANCH PLANS TO DEPLOY
LARGE CONTINGENT OF THEIR OFFICERS TO THE CONFER-
ENCE SITE, TO EFFECT INNER PERIMETER CONTROL TO ALL
AREAS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIVE DETAILS TO THE
PARTICIPATING FOREIGN MINISTERS AND THE SECRETARY OF
STATE.

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8. SPECIAL BRANCH WILL ALSO COORDINATE THE DEPLOYMENT
OF EOD TEAMS AND BOMB DOGS THROUGHOUT THE HOTEL.

9. UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE ARE
SCHEDULED TO EFFECT OUTER PERIMETER SECURITY AND
TRAFFIC CONTROL AT THE HOTEL/CONF SITEWMQ DURING DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH SENIOR POLICE OFFICIALS IT WAS INDICATED
THAT THE UNIFORMED PRESENCE WILL BE LARGE IN NUMBER.

10. ADDITIONAL UNIFORM MEMBERS OF THE METROPOLITAN
POLICE WILL BE HELD IN SELECTIVE STAGING AREAS TO
TO RESPOND TO ANY POSSIBLE OUTBREAK OF DEMONSTRATIONS
OR PUBLIC DISORDER.

11. IT IS THE VIEW OF SPECIAL BRANCH THAT NO ADDITIONAL
PERSONAL PROTECTION IS REQUIRED FOR CONFERENCE PARTICI-
PANTS OTHER THAN THE SECSTATE AND THE FOREIGN MINISTERS.

12. IT WAS FURTHER OUTLINED THAT THE MANPOWER COMMIT-
MENT BY SPECIAL BRANCH TO THIS EVENT IS EXTENSIVE
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